

Minneapolis Redistricting Commission Minutes

Regular Session of the Redistricting Commission
Monday, March 25, 2002, 6 PM
Room 220 City Hall

Present: Commissioners: Trostel, Claypatch, Collier, Ferrara, Finch, Markus,
Pettiford, Schwarzkopf, Stafford, Scallon

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
*Commission Chair Trostel called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
All Commission members were present.*
2. Approval of the Agenda
Stafford moved to approve the agenda. Ferrara seconded the motion. It was approved on a unanimous voice vote.
3. Approval of the Minutes for March 21, 2002
Ferrara moved to approve the minutes. Schwarzkopf seconded the motion. It was approved on a unanimous voice vote.
4. Budget numbers
 - Contracts
Susanne Griffin, Director of Elections, informed the Commission the two contracts for the Commission Staff have been signed. The Contract Staff will be paid in installments. The contract with Garth Dietrich for GIS support is in process.
5. Publication issues
Finance and Commerce said price of publishing a map and metes and bounds description depends on the size of the map, the amount of text and the amount of work needed to ready our input for print.

Ten years ago, the publication of the Resolution stated "the information on redistricting is designated and prescribed on the accompanying map on file and of record in the office of the City Clerk".
6. Notification of the April 11th public hearing
Collier moved to direct staff to give written notice to just the neighborhoods which meets our requirements to solicit input from the neighborhoods. Included in the written announcement will be information where the public can

review the plan and if there are questions where the public can call. Stafford seconded the motion. It passed on a unanimous voice vote.

7. Meeting dates for the Park Districts

Assistant City Attorney Michael Norton said the Commission does not have to have a public hearing on the Park District lines.

Direction to Contract Staff: Mail to the Redistricting Commissioners a map with the total population, minority population of the current districts, the addresses of the current Park Board District Members, and any other figures deemed important. The ideal district number of 63,770.

The Park District plan needs to go to the Park Board for comment. Scallon found the Park Board would be meeting on April 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Schwarzkopf moved to notify all the neighborhood park associations about the April 11, 2002 public hearing in addition to publicizing it on the Internet and cable television. Finch seconded the motion. It passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Norton administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Tony Scallon.

Collier moved to discuss what the park guidelines might look like at the April 8, 2002 meeting and to have lines drawn at the April 15, 2002 meeting. Scallon seconded the motion. It passed by voice vote with Stafford and Markus declining to vote since this was a Park District issue.

Stafford made a motion to take a ten-minute break to reconvene at 7:25 p.m. Finch seconded the motion. It passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Chair Trostel reconvened the meeting.

Scallon made a motion to have the first tentative plan on April 15, 2002, submit it to the Park Board for comment on April 17, 2002 and to finalize it on April 22, 2002. Ferrara seconded the motion.

Schwarzkopf made a motion to amend the motion to be April 16, 2002 to come up with the final tentative plan on April 16, 2002. Finch seconded the motion.

A motion was made to table the entire proposal of plans motions. It passed with a unanimous voice vote.

8. Discussion of plans/maps

Chair Trostel wanted on record a thank you to Markus, Ferrara and Collier for the maps they have distributed during this process.

Four plans were displayed for comment and review by the Commissioners.

- 1) **Ward Proposal 1** by Commissioners Collier, Ferrara, Finch, and Schwarzkopf. They explained incumbency was not an issue and good minority opportunity areas were in Wards 3,4,6,8, and 9. They tried to stay with neighborhoods and with natural boundaries such as river and freeways. They looked at the increase and decrease of potential population and followed historic trends across the City. They looked at minority representation.
- 2) **Green Plan #1** by Commissioner Markus. He explained the population deviation was below .7% in all wards except Ward 9, which was .74%. Minority population was not provided but could be computed by subtracting the white population from 100 percent. Wards 5,6 and 8 are over 50% minority, and Ward 4 is over 45%. The wards conform to compactness and contiguity. The plan cuts some neighborhoods.
- 3) **Green Plan #2** by Commissioner Markus. The deviation is very small. The map is based on the city's Planning Districts.
- 4) **Dem 3-25** by Claypatch, Pettiford, and Stafford. They said Wards 6,8, and 5 were over 50% minority and Wards 3,4 and 9 were over 40% minority. This plan does split neighborhoods but not more than had been done in the pass. The deviation is 2% or less. The trade-off is neighborhoods. This plan did not create much new.

Collier made a motion to take a 15-minute break. Claypatch seconded the motion. Finch called the question. Motion passed by a majority voice vote with Markus voting no.

Chair Trostel reconvened the meeting

8. New Business
Information was distributed by staff with information about the Commissioners' logons for access to Mapitude..
9. Finch moved to adjourn the meeting. Stafford seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous voice vote at 8:35 p.m.

**Next Redistricting Commission Meeting: April 2, 2002 6 - 8 PM Room 220
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